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### UPCSA Moderator's Letter

Compliments of the New Season to you and your beloved ones. Happy 2022 with God's manifold blessings to your oikos - your household.

Revelation 21:5 "And He who sat on the throne said: Behold, I make all things new..."

First, let me thank you - all the Presbyteries and Congregations who hearkened and responded to the Moderator's Call to improve our financial stewardship and give back to the church what would help ameliorate our dire financial situation. Whether it was assessments or bequests or any other kind of intervention, it came forth and favourably changed our denominational financial standing. May God bless you as you continue to generously give towards your denomination - the UPCSA. This speaks, also, to your generous response to the humble call to provide for the 2022 probationers. Some already made commitments, while others are still contemplating so. Thank You, Fellow Presbyterians.

Second, we had an unusual dark cloud hanging over our head, as we lost five (5) Ministers within the festive period. The Revds Phillip Petersen, Sean Wells, Tebogo Thobejane-Makhurupetsi, Christo de Wet and Thami Gwabuzela - all passed on around this past December 2021. We wish their families courage and comfort and a permanent sense of healing. *Akuhlanga olungehliyo* - it happens every day, Saints.

Third and last: "Behold, I make all things new". Covid has brought misery, pain and loss within our families and congregations and neighbourhoods. I'm saying we are ready for the New Year. I declare for you all a new way, a new life, a new faith, a new hope, a new start. May God Almighty make all things new in your life, in your family, in your congregation, in your Presbytery, in your finances, in your resolutions, in your workspace.

May God Almighty bless you with good health, financial prosperity, and lots of love. Happy 2022 ❤️

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